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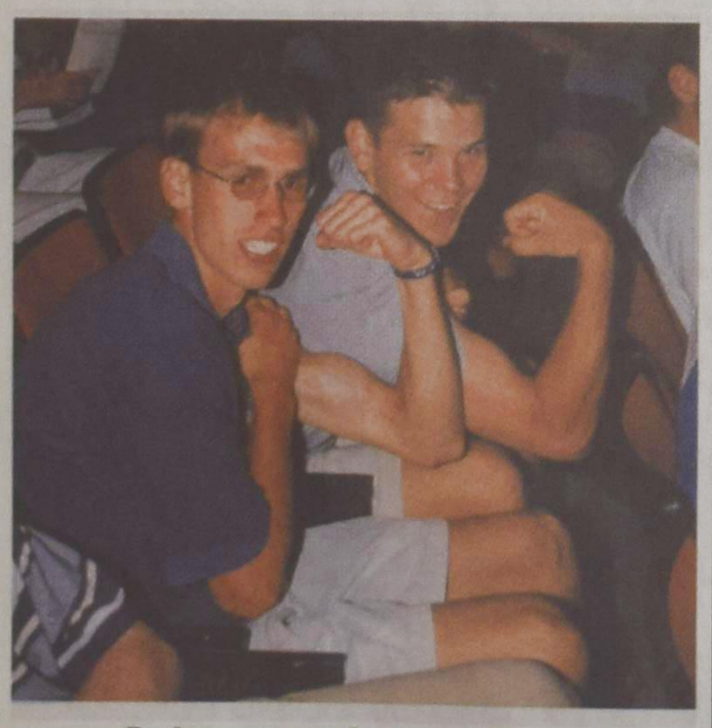

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"It's my home:" American Redeemer students respond to tragedy in the U.S.

by James Brink, Editor

"I had a friend that was murdered and this feels exactly the same." Nicci Little is a student at Redeemer and a native of Washington, D.C. Her voice shakes slightly with the tension of the day - she sounds like she's about to cry.

Fellow American Laura Farwell from York, N.Y. near Rochester feels much the same. "I refused to believe it. I just closed myself off to it until I was ready to face the facts."

(AP PHOTO)

The "it" these two students refer to are the events which transpired in Manhattan and Washington, D.C. yesterday. Beginning shortly before 9:00 a.m. the World Trade Center and the Pentagon became targets of what appears to be a coordinated terrorist attack against the United States. The World Trade Center was completely destroyed as two commercial airplanes ploughed into the north and south towers. (See photo above)

Approximately one hour later, the Pentagon was also hit by a commercial plane, which crashed into a helicopter landing pad. One side of the distinctively shaped building later caved in.

The death toll is expected to be in the thousands, which makes this the worst act of terrorism the United States has suffered to date. Some American leaders are saying that yesterday's horror is equivalent to the attack on Pearl Harbor during the Second World War.

Who initiated the violence, and the reasons for their extreme action are as yet unclear, although it is strongly suspected that international terrorist Usama Bin Laden is behind the attacks. Bin Laden is the son of a wealthy Saudi-Arabian construction magnate. The reward offered by the FBI for information leading to his arrest was five million dollars – before Tuesday's attack.

President Bush released a statement Tuesday morning, declaring that "Terrorism against our nation will not stand." He promised that "The United States will hunt down and pursue those responsible for these cowardly actions." Soon after, he was whisked to undisclosed location in Nebraska, according to Karen Hughes, Counselor to the President. "The federal government continues to operate effectively," she affirmed.

World leaders, including Jean Chretien lent their sympathy and assistance to the United States. "We stand ready to provide any assistance that our American friends may need at this very, very difficult hour and in the subsequent investigation," he said.

Mid-East leader Yasser Arafat also sent his condolences. "It's an unbelievable disaster. It is touching our hearts. It is very difficult to explain my feelings. God help them," he said.

Nicci Little was touched by the concern of Redeemer students. "I didn't think you guys really cared," she said. "I'm very impressed with the sympathy."

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The Pentagon shortly after being attacked

SENATE PRESIDENT: EMILY HOUWELING

by James Brink

Upon stepping into the living room of the Houweling's home in Terrasse-Vaudreil, Quebec, you are transported to old-world Europe by the deep orange walls and dark-toned trim. The fruit and vine patterned couch backs against a window opening out to Mrs. Houweling's riotous flower garden. Redeemer student Emily Houweling was kneeling here, gazing through the panes, when she took a call from the Dean of Students, Fred Schat.

Mr. Schat was wondering if Emily would be interested in becoming the new Student Senate President, in spite of her defeat in the spring election. Surprised almost beyond words, the only response Emily could make was "Wow." Recovering herself, she quickly agreed, "Of course–yes–this is what I wanted to do."

The phone call that day was the end result of a disconcerting series of events. During the Student Senate elections in March, Emily Houweling was defeated on her single nomination. Running a second time against B.C. resident Mark Veenstra, she was again defeated, though only by "about three or four percentage points," according to Mark.

The election was marked by close votes, ties, and run-off elections reminiscent of the debacle in Florida during the race for the United States presidency–but the worst had not yet come. Mark related that in a letter dated May 23, the Academic Standards Committee strongly "suggested I should perhaps resign from Senate to concentrate more on my studies."

"At first I was rather resentful. I didn't want to do it," Mark said. "I had been involved a lot at Redeemer, and I figured that being President of the Senate would really cap it off for me." He realized, however, that his studies were more essential to his future than his involvement on Student Senate. In addition to all of this, he was engaged to be married in August, and did not want to take extra time away from his wife. On June 12, he sent out an email to his friends and fellow Senators of his decision to resign.

The following day, he had a telephone conversation with Mr. Schat, who had only heard that Mark was in "academic difficulty."

"I was not aware that Mark's GPA was as low as it was, because then I may have spoken with him about whether it would be a wise thing to run for the presidency," said Mr. Schat.

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Ms. Little response wavers between a desire for vengeance and diplomacy. At first, she says "I want the person who is responsible to die." Later on she explains that "part of me wants to find a diplomatic solution." She does admire, if that's the word, the ingenuity of the attack. "Whoever is the mastermind is just brilliant."

(AP PHOTO)

Onlookers react to the attack in NYC

Laura Farwell is even more willing to extend grace. Rather than revenge, she hopes "this opens eyes and hearts to the fact that we have God on our side."

Both students stressed the fact that the attack on the World Trade Center is "not just an American thing." People from many nations, including Canada and Japan are employed in the famous twin towers.

In the end, Nicci and Laura summarized their reaction as pure "shock." Nicci gestures in a futile attempt to elaborate. She does say "I'm glad I'm here and not there," although she mentions that freshman American students, away from home for the first time are taking the crisis hard.

In the end, there's nothing they can really say. It's their home and it's under attack.

The World Trade towers after the collapse

Firefighters search for survivors

Panic in the streets of Manhattan

The towers after the first plane crash, seen behind the Empire State Building

Clash of Ideologies

by Brian Dijkema

The news: Four planes assumed hijacked. All passengers aboard these aircraft assumed dead, a total of 175. The twin World Trade Centre towers, landmarks of the New York city skyline, collapsed with thousands dead and tens of thousands injured. The Pentagon, the symbol of American military might, experienced a plane crash on its helipad, shaking the building and starting a fire that collapsed its western wing, injuring numerous people. Virtually the entire United States has ground to a halt. A terrorist attack of this magnitude is an immense monkey wrench in the mechanisms of trade, commerce, travel and virtually all other manifestations of life in the country.

Who is responsible? It's not known for sure. The American authorities are trying to decipher who is responsible for the attack but already word is being spread that the only group with the resources for such an affair would be the Shi'ite Islamic terrorist group led by Usama bin Laden. Regardless of who is responsible, it still leaves world leaders as well as the public with certain lines drawn. On one side there is the USA. The world's lone super power and a country that acts as a representative for the entire western world and the culture that it represents. On the other side there are groups that fight against the culture that America represents, instead promoting their own ideologies. As one looks at the situation it becomes very easy to see the dilemma faced by all of those trying to find solutions to this major problem.

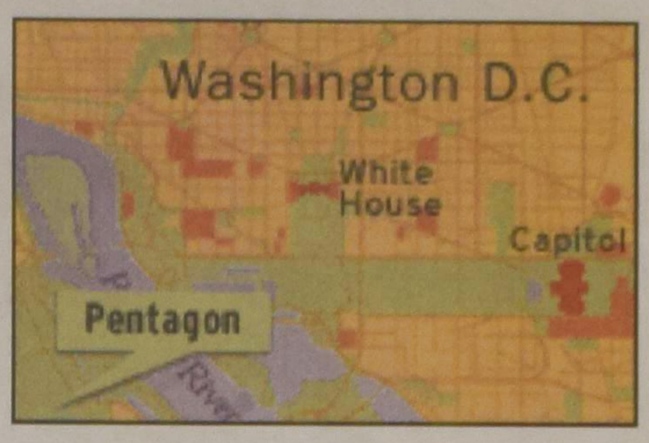
Unlike conflicts of the past, we are faced not with clear lines of one country or ethnic group against another. Rather, this is an ideological issue. An ideology is religious, something that is all absorbing. According to David Koyzis an ideology is something that offers an explanation for the problems in the world, and a solution to those problems, a type of salvation so to speak. Something that defines Satan and Saviour. Ideologies offer those two things and therefore influence ones lifestyle and actions.

We are faced with two ideologies. The first is the Islamic fundamentalist ideology. This ideology finds its Satan in countries like the United States. They believe that the western culture, a culture associated with Christianity goes against everything they hold dear. Proselitization of infidels in service to Allah. Their interpretation of the Koran allows them to declare war on any country that represents a different ideology than theirs and to convert that society to their belief system. This prosyletization comes about through 'jihad', or holy war especially against all non believers, including the western world. To die in a jihad is to be immidiately ushered into heaven. The Islamic fundamentalists live their lives in a quest to make their ideology supreme.

The next ideology, the one being attacked in this case, is the western ideology of liberalism. The culture of the western world is often mistakenly called a Christian culture; liberal would be a more accurate description. The liberal culture finds its saviour in life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Free trade, trans-national business, rationalism and consumerism are all trademarks of the West. The ultimate evil in the eyes of liberals is anything that would prevent the society from fulfilling these aims. President Bush discloses his ideology by saying "Freedom itself was attacked this morning and I assure you freedom will be defended."

This leaves Western Christians with the question of how to deal with these two irreconcilable camps. Bush speaks on behalf of the USA saying, "The United States will hunt down and pursue those responsible for these cowardly actions." He wishes to immediately treat the symptom without first examining the condition and his country's role in it. However, I don't believe that immediate military force is the answer to this problem. This is where we can find our role as Christians. We should encourage the United States as well as the fundamentalist groups to dialogue with one another. This is a very unlikely scenario. The very least we as Christians can do is to refrain from choosing and fully supporting either side. We should not let ourselves be caught up in the emotions of the times and condone violence either against America, or the countries that house the fundamentalists. There are those who will pull out passages from the Bible saying "there is a time for war and a time for peace" (Ecclesiastes 3:8) however to use this passage to justify military action in this case is naive. Christians should be attempting to play the role that Christ plays for us: mediators. To fully support either side is to support a side that is wrong. We cannot allow our Western culture's ideology to obscure our vision in this matter. Rather we should pray diligently for wisdom in dealing with such a contentious issue.

This map shows the relative positions of the plane crashes



A plane reportedly crashed into the military nerve center of the Pentagon, close to the White House and Capitol Hill

School responds with prayer

In response to the tragedies in New York and Washington, approximately 400 students gathered for an emergency prayer meeting held in the auditorium at 4:00 PM Tuesday.

The mood was sombre as President Cooper opened the meeting with an outline of the events. He was followed by Doreen Gringhuis, who stated that Redeemer has offered to house and feed people should the need arise.

All international flights to the United States have been diverted to airports outside the country. One plane has landed in Hamilton, although according to Ms. Gringhuis, the passengers were to remain on the plane.

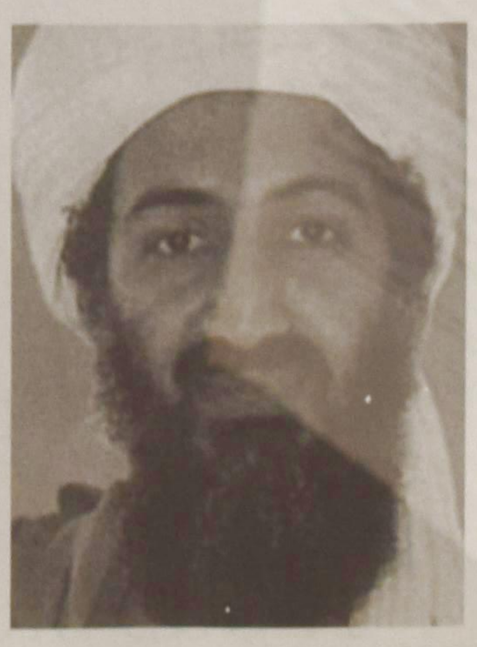
Dr. Haas of the Religion and Theology department then commenced a session of prayer. He called the attacks "a profoundly evil thing."

It "shakes our confidence of the Lord being in control," he said before reading from Psalm 11, which describes the righteous taking their refuge in God.

As the students went to prayer, Dr. Haas encouraged them to pray for the victims and their families, as well as the people that are still trapped.

Osama bin Laden: is he responsible for the attacks?

Rumours are flying about possible suspects for the attacks on the World Trade Centre and the Pentagon. Osama bin Laden and his terrorist organization came to mind immediately for many people. Bin Laden is on the FBI's Ten Most Wanted List for his involvement in the murder of American citizens outside the U.S., for conspiracy to murder Americans, and a previous attack on a federal facility causing a death. His terrorist organization is known as Al-Qaeda ("The Base"). The U.S. government is already offering a $5-million award for information leading to his arrest and conviction. With networks across the world, bin Laden is one of the few powers that could accomplish such a feat.



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thecrown.ca: Crown goes Online

by Brian van Oosten, Digital Editor

The newest project of the recently restructured Crown is The Crown Online. The globally accessible news website and discussion forum launches simultaneously with the release of this year's first paper issue. In addition to informing and entertaining the student body, the website is aimed at involving the non-student community such as alumni, parents and friends of the community in the daily "goings-on" of the school. Avoiding the constraints of dead-tree media, the editors of The Crown Online hope to be able to provide multimedia content soon such as colour photographs, audio and video clips. The discussion forum aspect of The Crown Online is meant to encourage rapid discussion and allow thought provoking dialogue to occur in near realtime. The website runs on a program called SOFA, the pet project of alumnae Dave ('00) and Crystle ('00) Numan and is hosted by their company, guidedvision.com.
Visitors are encouraged to check out the site, but in order to participate in polls and discussion forums registration is necessary. Full instructions are available at thecrown.ca/account/register.

Redeemer's P.U.L.S.E. Team

No, you don't need to check your heart beat, but what you do need to check out is the team of students on campus called The P.U.L.S.E Team. PULSE stands for "Planning University Life & Student Events". Cool, eh? This team of 8 students will be working on a variety of events over the year to enhance your Redeemer experience. The team designs and implements a variety of programs to serve the entire student body. Last year, the PULSE Team put together "Redeemer's Royal Recipes" cookbook, as well as hosted the WWF (Wild Winter Festival), and the Summer Send-Off Party. If you are a first-year student and would like to be a part of this planning team, pick up an application in the Student Life Department.

Welcome Back

A message from Dr. Justin Cooper, President

Welcome to campus! Hope you're settling in well. We trust your summer has been refreshing and enjoyable, whether you worked, traveled, or in whatever you did. Now we're delighted you're here and trust you're ready to plunge into an exciting year of studies.

We're also very thankful that an increasing number of students are embracing the vision of a Christian liberal arts and science education, swelling our enrolment to over 700 students, with about 400 students in residence! These are both record levels for Redeemer, and, given all indications, they are likely to be exceeded again next year, as the excitement about Christian university education continues to grow.

Such growth has required a good deal of preparation and a number of changes around campus which you may have already noticed. While staff members have been busy with our facilities and support services, faculty have been working on their research and projects and upgrading their courses, developing their Christian insights and staying current in their areas of expertise. If you have an opportunity, be sure to ask your professors about their research or pet projects. They'd love to tell you about it!

We welcome Dr. Teeuwsen, Dr. Haas and Dr. Koyzis back from their sabbaticals. This coming year Dr. Bert Polman will be on sabbatical first semester, Dr. Wayne Norman second semester and Dr. Jitse van der Meer for the entire year. We're also pleased that Mr. Rob Harvey has joined us as a new full-time faculty member in business. We have also welcomed three sessional faculty members: Dr. Sara Croke in biology; Mr. Dirk Windhorst in education; and Ms Brenda Stephenson in psychology. Mr. John Stronks has also returned to teach in education.

On the staff side, you will also notice some changes. We have welcomed new staff in the following areas: Doreen Van der Heide as assistant to the President; Sandra Mantel and Isabella Guthrie-McNaughton for the database in the Pascal Centre; Jennifer Zuidema as the new assistant in the

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Senate presidency: "In my mind, I was elected..."

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"When the decision was first made, I really felt I was letting a lot of people down," Mark said. He found it surprising that while people were disappointed, they were also sympathetic.

"They were all equally supportive. I had a lot of encouraging calls and e-mails from them," he said, referring to his fellow senators.

Unfortunately, there is nothing in the Senate constitution which provides for the resignation of the President. The Senate, in consultation with Mr. Schat, was forced to invent a provisional process in the middle of the summer, when most Redeemer students have scattered to their homes.

"It was my judgement that we should give it [the presidency] to Emily Houweling, who was the runner-up to Mark," said Mr. Schat.

A small committee, comprised of the dean, Vice-president Rosalee Roth, and former Student Senate President Graham Cubitt, concluded that this was indeed the best solution, given the circumstances.

Mr. Schat said "the alternative was not very appealing," meaning that they would have to wait until September and hold another election.

Mark explained that "to run another election would mean it would be the end of September before there was another President elected, and then that person would have to sit through binders of information...To wait would have been disastrous."

The dean admitted that the decision was "not pure democracy in action." He theorized that if Emily had finished a distant second to Mark, they may have decided to appoint Rosalee as interim president, and call another election in the fall.

In this case, the race was very close, and Emily had the support of a significant percentage of the student body. The exact election results were unavailable at the time of writing.

In addition, Rosalee was reluctant to assume the presidency because of the major time commitment the position requires.

While Mr. Schat claims he has heard no complaints about the process, Mark Veenstra says some students are grumbling. "I've already heard some people say 'It's not fair, they should run the election again because she didn't win,'" he said.

"In my mind, I was elected," said Emily. According to the Student Senate constitution, the President must win 75 percent of the vote when there is only one person running. Though she fell short of that goal when she ran by herself, Emily did manage to obtain the vote of 64-67 percent of the student body. As a result, she maintains that she "had a very large majority."

Mark Veenstra also dismisses concerns. "Last year's election was quite a fiasco and we finished so close...There were just a few points that separated us, I don't think that's such a big deal."

He enthusiastically supports Emily as President. "I think she has a lot of leadership potential that is hidden," he said. "She's going to be challenged and pressed this year, but in the end she'll definitely come out on top." Though some students complain that "she hasn't got it in her," Mark asserts that "she has a lot of gumption, a lot of oomph."

Emily just hopes that Redeemer students are not apathetic about the issue. "I welcome outrage, because that means students are thinking about it," she said.

Mr. Schat and Student Senate representatives plan to make an amendment to the constitution that will deal with the resignation of executive members. Both Mark and the dean suggested that a minimum GPA requirement might prevent future problems.

"If you're going to run, especially for the President, I think you need to be academically sound," Mark said. You "need a certain amount of respect from your peers, but also from your professors." He felt that anyone running for President should have grades "somewhere in the B range."

Mark plans to address the Student Senate at their first meeting tonight. "I want to explain to them what happened, and also take the chance to talk to them about Emily," he said. "I think I have the right to give them my final good-bye and encouragement before I leave."

Emily Houweling bubbles with excitement about her new responsibilities, hoping to meet a lot of people from the student body. "I step into (the job) by faith. I just want to be a servant," she said.

A open letter from your Student Senate president...

By Emily Houweling

I struggled with how to go about opening a formal article in our recently revamped newspaper, The Crown, so I started off by researching past issues in the library. We certainly have come a long way. The oldest issues looked like church bulletins, and they were typewritten!

We have a great deal to celebrate at Redeemer, namely our Christian faith. In my first year, I was blown away by how integral faith was at Redeemer. Continuing here, I also came to understand the struggles, frustrations and challenges that face the school. Yet, I continue to see God's possibilities at work here and, entering my final year, I am proud to be a student at Redeemer University College.

Perhaps my single greatest excitement about this upcoming year arises from being Student Senate President. As you all know by now, this was just as much a surprise to me as it was to all of you. I left school last spring feeling disappointed to have lost the presidency without the possibility to serve on Senate at all. Then, as I was surrounded by black bears and black flies, planting trees in northern Ontario, God had his own way.

Although the Student Senate Constitution will need to be amended in the future, I believe that it was entirely God' s work. Who else would have such a great sense of humour!

With the school year barely underway, Student Senate has already been hard at work. At our first informal meeting, we reacquainted ourselves, set goals for the coming year and determined how we would dazzle the first-years at their General Meeting. This past week we've been getting organized and settling in. The Senate office has been redecorated, and will be officially open for visiting hours early next week. We have a fabulous couch. This past week Naomi Biesheuvel, Activities Chair, held the wildly outrageous returning-student car rally and Mark Sinke, Spiritual and Service Chair, organized the ever-so-popular club showcase. Stay tuned for more Senate events! The first Coffee House of the year will be on Thursday, September 13th at 10:00 pm. All students welcome! Nominations for First Year General Senators are open ... come pick up a nomination form today!

As Student Senate, one of our primary goals for this year is to integrate faith into all of the activities we plan. Christ calls us to live out our faith in all aspects of our lives: Faith Into Action! Should we institute a church service at Coffee House or recommend that hymns be sung during intramurals? Although the latter may be wildly amusing, Christ calls us to prayerful discernment through His Word. This is how we must approach our lives. May you seek God continually during this coming school year.

In His grip,

Emily Houweling

Student Senate President 2001-2002.

The Gallery Series - What is it?

by Christa Hesselink

On September, 21, the Student Life Department will present The Gallery Series. Every 4-8 weeks, students, staff and faculty will be able to enjoy a variety of concerts, free of charge during activity period. The concerts will be held in the Art Gallery, where performers and audiences will enjoy the sounds of the music "floating" through the halls of the academic building. The first band to perform for us will be The Dustkickers. This band "creates bold, dynamic, acoustic- based music ... with insightful lyrics and musical ingenuity." The band has played in many music festivals, churches, clubs and colleges. Everyone's invited. You don't want to miss it!

A Word from Our Sponsors

by Kathleen Lowden

Hello there! I hope all of you had a great summer, whether you were working, vacationing or on mission trips over the past few months. Redeemer has been busy this summer, and so has the Student Senate. I hope all of you who are returning to Redeemer are prepared for another year full of great events from the Activities and Spiritual and Service Committees. By this time, you've probably noticed some of the ways Senate was working over the summer, such as improvements to the Rec centre and a 'facelift' to the Senate office, which will make it even more inviting than it has ever been. You've probably also noticed that we have a new President. Emily Houweling is looking forward to serving the Redeemer student body in this capacity.

Those of you who are new to Redeemer may be wondering just who or what the Senate is. We are a group of students who were elected last semester to represent the Redeemer student body, and to plan extracurricular events and service projects throughout the year. The Senate is made up of the President (Emily Houweling), Vice-President (Rosalee Roth), Treasurer (Dave Stienstra), Secretary (that's me, Kathleen Lowden), Activities Committee Chair (Naomi Biesheuvel), and Spiritual and Service Committee Chair (Mark Sinke). There are also four general Senators, Josh Thiessen, Adrian Been, Matt McKenna and Brian Dijkema. Of course, you probably knew all of that from your handbook, orientation papers, and various mailings. Feel free to stop by the Senate office and put faces to the names listed here. We hope that you will drop in to chat, share concerns or ask questions. We look forward to getting to know you better.

Any of you in first-year who attended the general meeting on September 4th, or the club showcase on the 6th, might remember that "your mission" this year is to get involved. There will be three openings for first-year senators in the upcoming elections, and we want to encourage everyone to run for one of these positions. It is a great opportunity to get involved, and the election process is always fun. It is also one of many ways to live out this year's theme, "Faith into Action". Nomination forms are available on the Senate office door, beside room 111.

I hope that this academic year will be a great one for all of you, both inside and outside of class. God Bless.

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"M 'n M Meets" Advertising Designs F.R.O.G. Olympics Logo

Clever, isn't it? M 'n M Meets Advertising is the name of a small graphic design/ advertising business operated by two of our students, Mark VanNoord, and Mike Schulz. These 2 gentlemen designed the logo for our FROG activities this year. You can see the logo on all the FROG Leader shirts. Thanks to these guys for their effort in creating this design.

The Immigrants Return to Redeemer

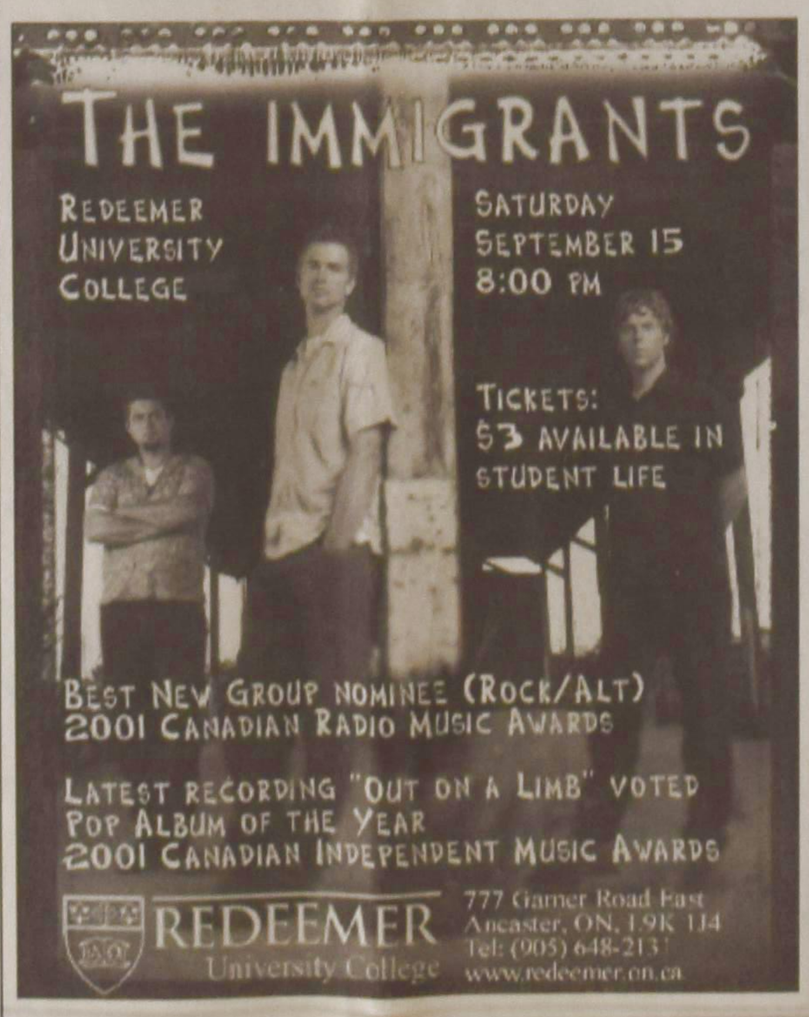
The Alumni Association and Student Life are very pleased to welcome The Immigrants in concert on Saturday, September 15 at 8 pm in the Auditorium. The Immigrants, which consists of Redeemer alumni Paul Hogeterp ('93), Pete Zantingh ('94), and Rob Van Hartingsveldt ('95), started playing together at Coffee House while they were students at Redeemer. Their music ranges from Celtic/folk to pop/rock.

2001 has been an exciting year for the Immigrants, with the January release of their third album, *Out on a Limb*. Recorded in 2000, the EP has had 3 singles on Canadian radio, including "Feel" which climbed to #16 on the Canadian charts. Videos for "Out on a Limb" and "Holding onto This Somehow," the current single, are in rotation on MuchMusic. The band has been busy touring Ontario and Western Canada this summer, playing a number of outdoor festivals and clubs.

This year has also seen The Immigrants achieve substantial critical success. The band received a nomination for Best New Group (Rock/Alt) at the 2001 Canadian Radio Music Awards, and *Out on a Limb* was voted Pop Album of the Year at the 2001 Canadian Independent Music Awards.

This Saturday's concert promises to be a great show. Admission is just $3 for Redeemer students, staff, and alumni ($7 for others). Advance tickets are available in the Student Life Office, and there will be tickets sold at the door.

Further information on the band can be found at www.theimmigrants.ca. *Out on a Limb*, as well as their previous releases *In Between Before and After* (1995) and *Awkwardly Mobile* (1998), are for sale at the Bookstore, and will also be available at the concert.



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Student Life Department; Helen Reitsma as the new technician in the Library; alumnus Darren Lampson and PJ

VanderKooij for the positions in graphics arts; alumna Laura Trapasso as a counsellor in the Admissions Department; and Shalena Neven as the assistant for the Registrar's Office and Education Department. We are blessed to have such talented people!

Since you've already been on campus a number of days, I'm sure you will quickly see many of the renovations to our facilities which have been completed in the academic building. In cooperation with Student Senate, we have also made strides toward securing bus service to campus and adding a new outdoor recreation facility near the soccer field.

The details of bus service by the HSR are still being completed, but should provide service both to the mountain via Garner Road and to downtown via connections at the Meadowlands. This will require the approval of Hamilton City Council on September 12. Stay tuned for instructions on where and when to go to support this new initiative. Student Senate is to be commended for taking the initiative in working on this last spring, with the Redeemer administration completing the discussions with HSR officials over the summer.

The outdoor recreation facility was also an initiative of Student Senate and, with the agreement of the administration and the alumni association, is being financed from the funds students are paying into a student recreation facility fund. Unfortunately, clearances required from a government Ministry took longer than expected, with the result that the facility will not be completed for a few more weeks. It will include two fenced and lighted tennis courts, as well as a basketball court. The access road and parking will also serve the adjoining soccer field.

In the academic building we have also made a number of changes to serve you better. You'll find new homes for *The Crown* and the yearbook, for the mature student lounge, and for the computer science lab. We have also established a new financial aid office to make this service more accessible to our students. The prayer and counseling room also has a new location, in room 245. We have also enlarged the food store to provide more display space. We hope you enjoy these improvements.

We have also added a new system of security cameras in the academic building to enable us to monitor and safeguard various areas. Unfortunately, attempts to steal computer equipment from class rooms and offices have made this necessary. So we do ask that you also take proper precautions with your own possessions and do not leave valuables unattended.

We have recently agreed to purchase a new integrated information system. This will mean better service for students in admissions, registration and financial services, with better e-mail as part of the package as well. Installing this will be a large undertaking and will be implemented over the next 18 months.

Finally, we trust you will grow to appreciate the new names which have been given to the townhouse residence groups and the new residence hall. The designation of the Whaley Teaching Garden is also official now. The three groups of townhouse residences will be known as Calvin Court, Luther Court and Cranmer Court, recognizing three Reformation leaders, while the residence hall has been named Augustine Hall, after the great church father, St. Augustine. Further information about these figures is available in the display cases in the centre hall area. We are working on developing new signs to help us all remember these names.

Looking at all these activities and changes on campus, it is good to be reminded that we have a very faithful supporting community which supports us not only financially, but also through its prayers and good will. Businesses, churches, members and friends of Redeemer have again provided significant dollars to help make a quality Christian university education available for you, with gifts for special projects, scholarships and financial assistance. This year we are especially thankful for the additional donations to launch our campaign for the reduction of our capital debt. In all, our donors gave us over $2.2 million in 2000-01to support the mission of Redeemer University College.

As you can see, much has happened here at Redeemer this summer. And for all of it we give thanks to the Lord, from whom all blessings flow. Most importantly, it is our prayer that through these efforts your Christian university education will be more enriching and rewarding. As we embark on this academic year, let's take seriously our theme, "Faith Into Action," in our personal lives, academic work and campus activities. And may all the glory go to Christ. Have a great year!

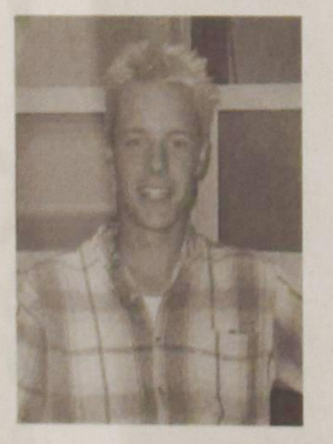
•CROWN STAFF•

James Brink
Editor-in-Chief

James is the Editor-in-Chief (a.k.a. Big Kahuna) for The Crown. He is responsible for all the content of the newspaper, coordinating the efforts of writers, photographers, editors, and the outside world. In spite of his great height, James does not play basketball, choosing to study Philosophy and English along with his journalistic pursuits. If you'd like to contact him, count to ten. If the dementia hasn't passed by then, send an email to editor@thecrown.ca.

Andrea Vreken
Art Director

is currently enrolled in her second year at Redeemer University College and is doing a double major in Art and English. During the times that she is not working on the paper or school work, you can usually find her working out, socializing, partying, watching hockey, or doing something quiet like reading or sketching. Andrea plans to go on to graduate school afterwards and pursue a career in Photojournalism. Her desire to be a Photojournalist lead her to seek a position on the Crown where she landed a job as Art Director. The job consists of gathering pictures and preparing them for the paper. Andrea also designs and draws for the paper whenever required to do so.

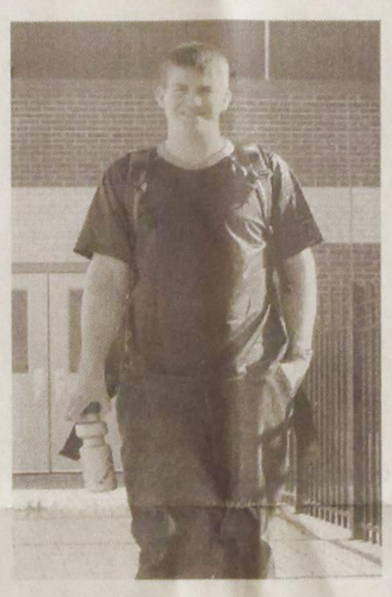


Brian vanOosten
Digital Editor

BvO is in is fourth of five years at Redeemer, majoring in philosophy and juggling a double minor in math and physics. As the Digital Editor, his job is to develop and manage The Crown Online, which can be found at thecrown.ca. You may hear him calling out the motto "geek and proud" as he zips around on campus. Known to some "a beer snob" (for not drinking domestic beers on account of their being 'icky'), BvO's top three pet peeves are as follows: the misuse of apostrophe's, and people who can't count.

Hayley Asnong
Copy Editor

Hayley is in her second year, taking honours English and minoring in philosophy. As Copy Editor of The Crown, it is her job to detect and correct all spelling and grammatical errors before the paper goes to print. She likes words. They are her friends. Personal pet peeves include people who pronounce 'film' with two syllables, waking up before noon, and mayonnaise. Hayley can be found severely procrastinating at all times.



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Brian is in his third year of the honours business program. He originates from Surrey, British Columbia, and he misses the mountains. His job is to keep the books balanced, create the budget, and take care of all advertising. Brian has decided that someday he will own half the planet, and works diligently toward realizing this goal. You can reach him at manager@thecrown.ca

Christina VandenEnde
Layout Editor

Despite indications suggesting the opposite, Christina has reappeared at Redeemer for her third year. An English and History major, Christina is writing a zillion papers in the quiet of her Jerseyville Rd. apartment. When she has time, the resident farmer might teach her to milk cows. She's responsible for the Crown's new look this year, so let her know what you think. You'll know her by the cowboy boots.

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Spelling slips, while omni-present in the old crown, should not appear in this issue, due to the efforts of Hayley Asnong.

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•OPINIONS•

Music Review

by Mike Schultz

Eric's Trip- "The Eric's Trip Show"

* (one star of a possible 5)

The Canadian-based band Eric's Trip recently released their much-anticipated live album. I think I can sum up the album in two words: NOT GOOD. The song selection was great, but the sound was horrible and didn't do the band justice. I recommend the band, but please leave this one on the shelf.

Stretch Armstrong- "A Revolution Transmission" *

After their debut release, "Rituals of Life," I couldn't wait to hear this. Now that I've heard it, I can't share the same enthusiasm. It was a sorry attempt at being unique. I was expecting to hear a straight-edge hardcore band, and instead I heard a band struggling to meet the deadline. This album made me break out laughing when I heard the child's voice behind some of the vocals. Although I can't agree with the decision to have a child singing, I can say this: It was the high point of an otherwise horrible album.

Fighting Jacks- "The Inside Trade Agreement" *

If you remember the band Freeto Boat, you'll remember some of the guys from this band. It was a wise decision on their part to change their style and name. This is a great EP. Their debut release mixes the sounds of Sunny Day Real Estate with Jimmy Eat World.

Stephen Malkmus-Self Titled **

If you love the band Pavement, you'll love this. Malkmus is testing the waters by himself this time. He left behind his former band, but kept the sound. This album is, to say the least, awesome. To be honest, I can't tell the two apart. Stephen Malkmus and Pavement are one and the same. You can't go wrong with adding this to your collection.

Violet Burning- "Demonstrates Plastic and Elastic" *

These guys are a combination of Smashing Pumpkins and StarFlyer59. They strayed from the usual worship-style lyrics to pour out emotions in another way. I appreciate the band because when they don't sing about God, they don't sing about girls instead, which is something all too popular in the music of today. Check these guys out if you haven't already.

Mogwai- "Rock Action" *

If you like mellow music, this is for you. If you need to relieve stress, listen to this. The soothing melodic sound is somewhat comforting and will calm you down. However, if you're depressed, stay away from this as it will only add to your depression. If you've heard the earlier albums "Come on Die Young" or "ep+2", you've pretty much heard this album. They haven't changed their style a bit. It's all about instrumental with these them. Don't expect lyrics, they're rare with these guys. "Mogwai" played two shows in Toronto this summer, both of which were unbelievable.

Craig's Brother- "Lost at Sea" *

They've slowed down since their debut release entitled "Homecoming," and my appreciation of these guys hasn't changed a bit. Since the break up of the original band, it seems that vocalist Ted Bond has really mellowed out. This album's got beautiful harmonic melodies that lean toward an emo sound. A refreshing change from their punk sound of old.

Jimmy Eat World- "Bleed American" **

They finally broke out of the hidden world of indy music. With the help of Dreamworks, J.E.W. made it big. The title track "Bleed American" hit the radio in late June/ early July and hasn't skipped a beat. The album is flying off shelves and is proving to be Jimmy's biggest seller. For those of you who are new fans, I suggest adding "Clarity" to your collection. Although, I must say, don't expect the same sound from "Static Prevails" or their self-titled album. If you come across the Japanese import or the vinyl, don't pass up the chance to buy it. It has an extra track, "Splash, Turn, Twist," which in my humble opinion is the best song on the album.

Upcoming Shows

Pedro the Lion - Sept.12 @ Horseshoe Tavern

Sigur Ros - Sept. 19 @ Massey Hall

Godspeed you Black Emperor -Sept. 28 @ Palais Royale

Sensefield - TBA

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EDITORIAL

Responsible journalism: get cracking

"If you want to make an omelette, you've got to crack a few eggs."

Publishing a newspaper is a strange way of life. It takes so much energy and so much time to produce a quality product, and yet, the day after it has been read, it is thrown into the trash (or the recycling). Hundreds of daily newspapers across the country share a common fate. The lucky ones get to line someone's bird cage. Telling the news is a very fleeting occupation.

In spite of its transitory nature, one cannot deny importance of the news. The freedom of the media to publish critical analysis of current events is an important safeguard against tyranny – in whatever form.

Many news outlets, however, have succumbed to cultural forces which subvert the vision of an informed populace. One need only think of the political correctness which cripples free speech in any publication. The "liberal media" has become a truism. It seems you can publish anything these days, except good sense.

Many of the problems are a result of a massive shift to subjectivity in reporting. With the advent of the postmodern era, all objective standards of truth have collapsed and we are left only with what we ourselves feel to be right. The situation recalls Judges 17:6 to mind, "Every man did that which was right in his own eyes." If you're the editor of a newspaper, what's right? Obviously, whatever sells, makes you famous or notorious, or otherwise accomplishes your personal goals. Proverbs 12:15 calls this the "way of the fool."

Even The Crown has not been immune from subjectivity. In the past, one of the most common complaints about the school newspaper has been that every article is just someone's opinion. The charge is valid. Many individuals have interpreted "student voice" as prerogative to spout off. Who needs research when you're simply handed a soapbox to stand on?

Marvin Olasky writes about the issue of objectivity versus subjectivity in his book *Telling the Truth: How to Revitalize Christian Journalism*. He enumerates the various Christian approaches to journalism, many of which contradict the Christian worldview. Often we adopt the methods of the secular media wholesale, neglecting Paul's admonition to "take every thought captive to the obedience of Christ." At best, we end up with a false objectivity which ignores revelation, or a balancing of subjectivities – he said, she said.

There is an alternative, according to Olasky. Instead of following an alien mould, Christians should adopt the ideal of *biblical objectivity*. This notion recognizes both the limited nature of human vision as well as the applicability of God's revelation. As Francis Schaeffer asserts, we cannot know fully (as God sees things) but we can know truly.

In practice, biblical objectivity means that we apply our judgement differently to different kinds of questions. When facing a problem where the moral high ground is clear, we should feel no reluctance to argue for the right. On more complex issues, where Scripture is not clear, we should not have the audacity to plunk down a verse ripped from its context, and claim our opinion to be the will of God.

Complex issues, on the other hand, are no excuse for muddy thinking. Rather, they require research and hard inquiry into the basic questions confronting both the writer and the reader.

When it comes to the Crown, for example, those who write should strive toward the classic ideals of journalism. The Society of Professional Journalists summarizes some of those ideals in its code of ethics. The code demands members to "seek truth and report it," "minimize harm," "act independently," and "be accountable." While we might disagree on the application of some of these principles, the goals themselves are worthy of our commitment.

One of the biggest needs in Christian journalism today is for writers who are willing to work hard — to "pound the pavement," as Olasky puts it. Don't tell your readers something they already know. Call a few people involved in the issue your writing about. Get their side of the story. They may bring some facts to light that neither you nor anyone else has thought of. Without adequate background knowledge, your opinion is worthless. If you've done the work, your article becomes more than opinion. It becomes news.

Many of the changes in this year's student newspaper are designed to facilitate this kind of "truth reporting." We have an expanded staff to deal with the mechanics of publishing and relate to other school departments more efficiently. We plan to pay writers to encourage quality submissions. Even our production format has changed to reflect The Crown's new focus. If this kind of rigour interests you, send us an email. We want you to join us in creating a new standard for Redeemer University College. Welcome to the new Crown.

James Brink is the editor-in-chief of the Crown. He can be reached at extension 4291 or editor@thecrown.ca.

•FROG Olympics•

"Perfect Ten is going to win!" Team 14's cheer drowns out the shouts of the opposition in the race to assemble a human paper-clip necklace. "We're winning everything," said FROG leader Stef Vanduyvendyk.

It's a "perfect day;" the skies are blue and the temperature is a balmy high 20's. Approximately 200, all sporting bright orange T-shirts, students rotate between ten stations, including pudding runs, blanket volleyball, the "Gauntlet," "Intimate Toes," and of course the traditional mud pit. Upper-class students linger about the events, remembering the initiations they had to go through. Some recall frigid weather, others (John Gils, for example) remember skipping – choosing to watch the proceedings from the safety of their living rooms.

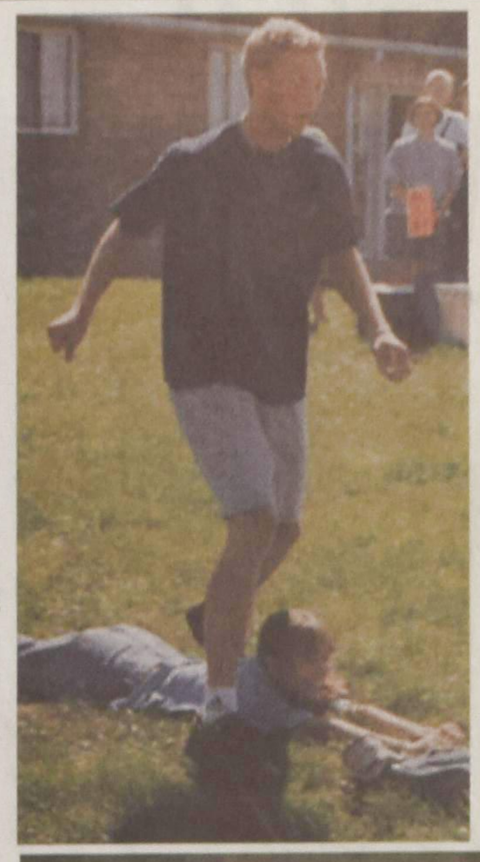
"It took an hour to get the mud out my hair last year...not this year," said John DeVries, explaining why he decided against becoming a FROG leader. Twenty minutes later, his spotless shirt is spotted with mud from "affectionate" friends.

Over at "Intimate Toes" shouts of protest go up from a spirited but losing team, their faces streaked with red and blue war paint. "You didn't spell it!" they complain. The goal of the game was to spell "FROG" picking lettered ping-pong balls out of a muddy kids' pool with their feet.

Close by, Student Life staff member Christa Hesselink is tending a wounded Adriana Rinchema. Their faces are concerned – Adrian's cut toe is covered with dirt.

The last event of the Olympics is traditionally the mudpile, where all comers go for their final coat. A swamp monster emerges from the goo, runs up the dirt hill – and rolls down. "You gotta do it twice to get good consistency," he tells the girl he's with. The result is something much like shake and bake chicken.

Soon, the majority of people leave for the rinse cycle, while a few hard-core mudders stay behind, relaxing in the mush, or giving facials to their friends. The shouts of laughter and screams of desperation fade away as the 2001 FROG Olympics draw to a close. It has not been a day for the squeamish.



•backside•

Be fruitful and multiply...

It was about 8 o' clock on Wednesday, at dorm 3. David Vlasblom and I (John Knox) were just visiting our neighbours, conversing about the happenings of our summers and the year to come. As the time went on, we began to discuss foreign nations and such. I asked David to tell us some population stats in order to spice things up a little. Of course, David did. He had so many stats that I had to stop the conversation and remind everybody about Bill Nye the Science Guy and his TV show. I thought we should have a Dave Nye the Population Guy TV show. Dave agreed. He said, "Dutch guys make great population guys."

If I can't win at Nintendo, how can I pass university?

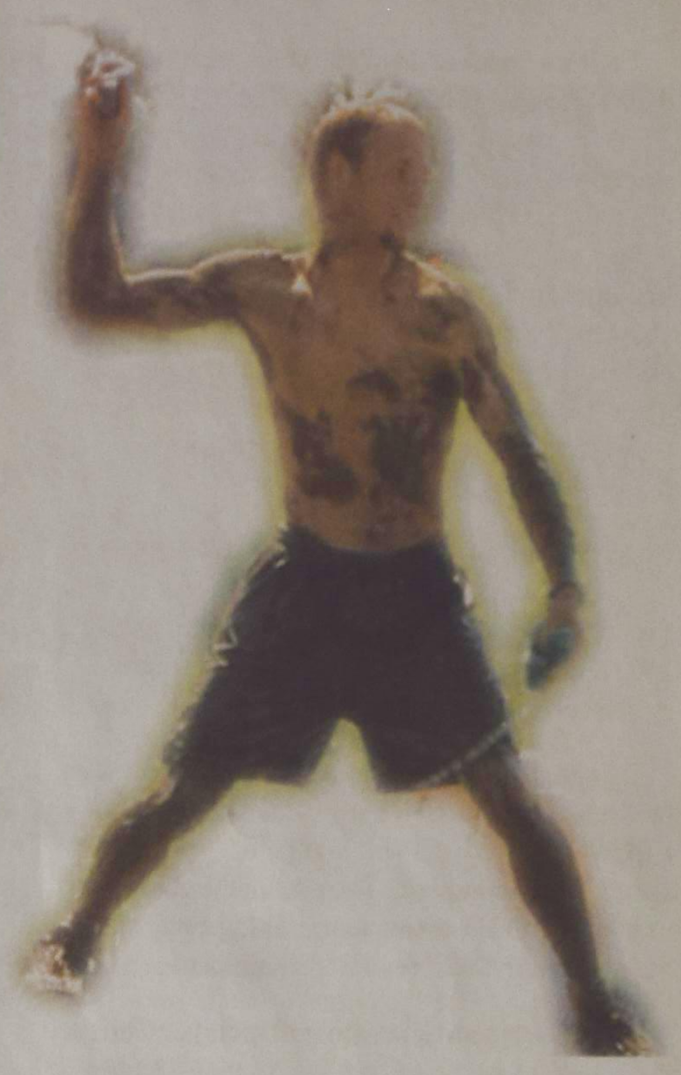
- Lindsay Adams

Yes, blackmail can be a very useful thing.

- Emily Houweling, Senate president

If I was any fatter, I'd be Winnie-the-Pooh.

- James Brink



Peter Westra at FROG Olympics

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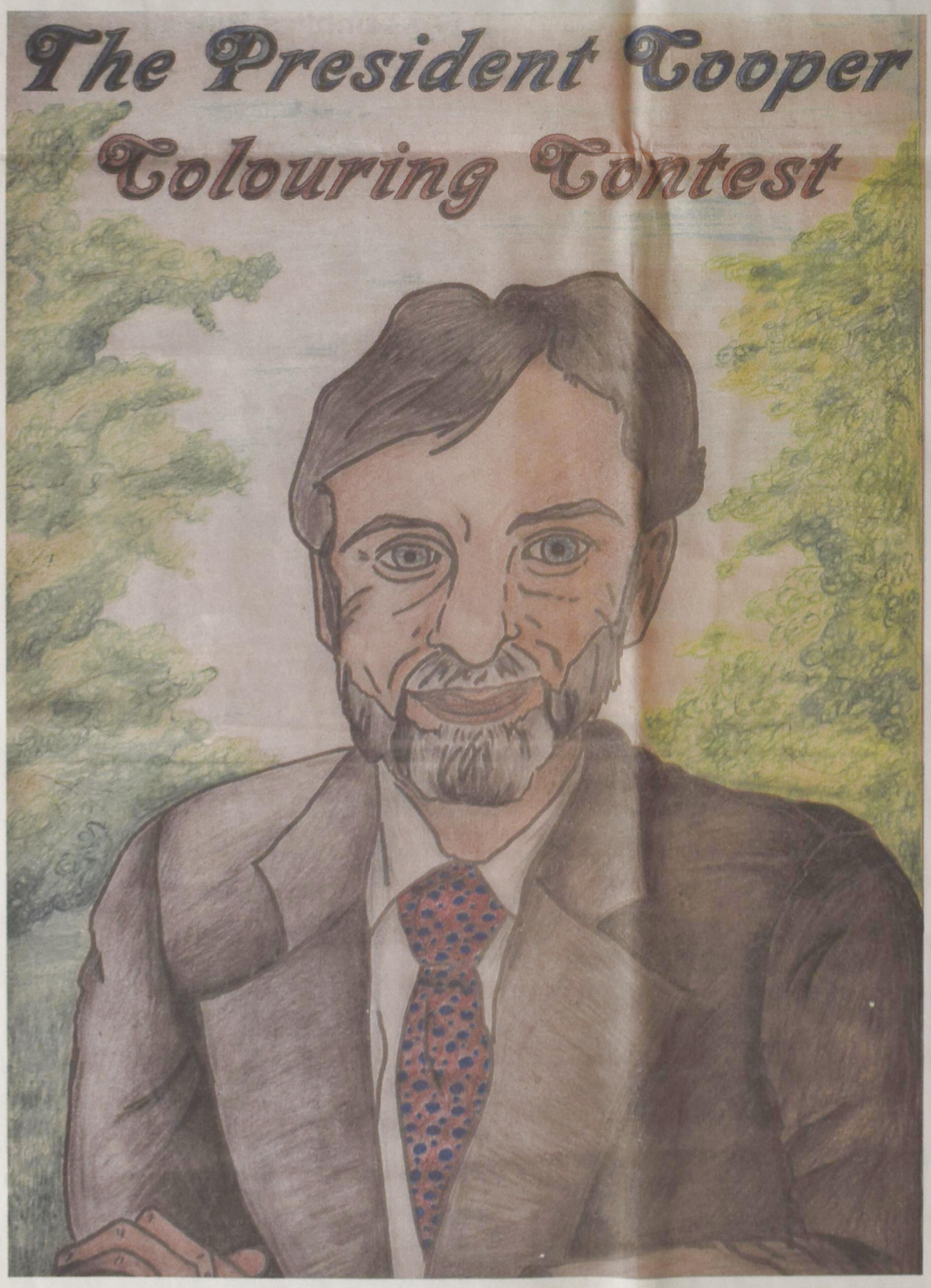

Results of President Cooper Colouring Contest

Hobbe Smit sent in this winning entry. The contest entry picture was published in last year's first crown. Thanks to our four participants for your entries. An honourable mention goes to Rietje van Arragon for her depiction of Dr. Cooper as Don Cherry, Hockey Night in Canada host.

Have some artwork you'd like published? Colouring contests, self-portraits (Art 103 and otherwise) and random scribblings can be sent via ICM.

Send your comments on our new look to crown@redeemer.on.ca.